Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is for you to say. I asked only the date on which the Diwan of Cochin received the petition. The Government has not replied to that.

President.—Yes, the answer given here cannot be accepted in view of the discussion that we had. The only course for the Government decline to answer. That is the way in which it should be understood.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But I cannot see what provision or Regulation I contravene in putting that question, and I appeal to you, Sir, to ask the Secretary to answer my question.

President.—The Secretary thought that it is the proper answer. If this answer is not sufficient, and if further information is wanted, he will have to take his own time; he may want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then, with regard to the other question, " the names, standing and status of the signatories in the communication or petition. "

President.—Of course, everybody knows that. Why should you want the Government to say that ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Everybody knows that ! Why should the Government, then, decline to answer a question that all the world knows ? Are not the Government putting themselves into a false position ?

President.—Those details need not be discussed at present. The date of presentation, the names of Members and all there are not very material.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In framing the question, I purposely avoided all constitutional issues. I never asked anything of that sort. I only asked if the Government will be pleased to place a copy on the table showing the date and names of Members. I never raised a single constitutional issue. I only asked for dates, and see your perfunctory answer. The answer is " section 11 (m)." What is " 11 (m) " ? The Cranganur Chief. No question regarding the Cranganur Chief is put. All that I want to point out is that it is not up-to-date.

President.—Experience will make them more fit.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Section 11 (m) was amended afterwards into " n ".

President.—What Mr. Salem says is that even these small points are not looked into. Anything more, Mr. Salem ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If you do not want to give it, I don't press for it.

448. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Draft Constitution submitted by 28 out of 33 non-official Members of the Legislative Council has been submitted by the Diwan to the consideration of His High-

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ness the Maharaja, and, if so, to state with what remarks the Diwan submitted them, and whether His Highness has been pleased to consider this Draft Constitution and pass orders, and, if so, whether the orders of His Highness be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Vide answer to question No. 447.

President.—That also relates to the same matter.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—As the President has admitted my question, will the Government be pleased to place the proper answer on the Council table before this meeting disperses?

President.—Does this question arise now? This is question time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—This question has not been answered properly. You have admitted my question. I want an answer. And what is the answer I have got? I have not got any answer. Sir, I ask you to advise the Government to give a proper answer to my question. As my question has been allowed, I demand an answer.

President.—You cannot ask such a question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So you rule it out of order?

President.—Such a question does not arise at question time. You have put a question, and an answer has been given. It may or may not be a proper answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You have admitted, Sir, that it is not a proper answer. So I appeal to you to get a proper answer from the Government.

President.—What am I to do?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You should just advise the Government to place it on the table.

President.—I am not disposed to do that now.

449. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Diwan has submitted the Draft Constitution to His Highness the Maharaja; and, if so,

(b) with what remarks and when it was submitted;

(c) whether that will be placed on the table, together with all the other correspondence which the Government have had about it will be placed on the table?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Vide answer to question No. 447.

The assault on one Kesava Panikkar by Pulayas.

450. **Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information :—

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